

March 1, 1994

LB 446, 1207

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1207.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 1207 advances. Mr. Clerk, LB 446.

CLERK: LB 446, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19, referred to the Government Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Chair recognizes Senator Schimek, the Chair of the Government Committee, to handle the Government Committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I am going to turn the microphone over to Senator Wickersham because the amendment is a long and involved one, and he would like to explain it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schimek, for that explanation. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Schimek. I do appreciate the opportunity to explain the committee amendments because they do replace the bill, and I would also wish to express my appreciation to the committee's counsel and the committee for allowing us to work on the bill over the interim. And as you can see, the amendment is extensive and does, in fact, replace the bill. The amendment is the result of extended negotiations with agencies and an attempt to accommodate various concerns they expressed about the green copy of the bill. We have distributed on your desks a brief explanation of the amendment. It is a multipage document but it is double-spaced and in large type so don't be scared off if you want to read it.

(No overlap. Some floor debate presumably lost.)

(Senator Wickersham speaking) ...making maybe (inaudible) with contested cases. Contested cases are typically disciplinary proceedings, maybe fines for violations of rules and regulations, et cetera. There is one provision in the amendments that does not fit neatly in either category and that